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To: [HSSframework](#);
Subject: Urgent: 18500 signatures for keeping "India" in HSS/ Specific Edits Listed
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2016 9:25:33 AM
Attachments: [signatures_1458834666.csv](#)

Dear IQC Members,

I write, along with **several scholars and nearly 18,500 supporters** (listed in the attached documentation), that you respect the need to avoid an international educational scandal and reject the several unscientific and whimsical changes recommended to you by the South Asia Faculty group.

Please find below, for your convenience, specific edits that are supported by the mandate of our petition. For the sake of brevity and in the interests of time, we do not present long justifications for each of these changes, and state that we are in agreement with the reasons provided for them by the Uberoi Foundation in their specific edits submitted Monday (the edits submitted below do not conflict with the Uberoi Foundation edits anywhere, please note).

We recommend that:

a) You **ACCEPT the NEW EDIT** offered by Uberoi Foundation to **include a statement about the fair and contextual use of the phrase "South Asia"** in Chapter 10, 6th grade, page 210, line 783 so as to represent the diversity of present-day Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives and Sri Lanka.

b) You **REJECT the following edits offered by South Asia Faculty** (and previously accepted by you) regarding deleting the use of the word "India" or "Hinduism":

2377, 2396, 2412, 2436, 2439, 2441, 2447, 2454, 2459, 2480, 2482, 2501, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2601, 2645, 2696, 2706, 2723, 2728, 2730, 2734, 2740, 2741, 2754, 2763, 2781, 2794, 2813, 2814

c) You also reconsider and **REJECT the following edits offered by South Asia Faculty** as they are not unrelated to the very subjective zealotry with which the sweeping cuts above were imposed. We urge you to study the Uberoi Foundation's comments on these changes carefully. Some of these changes proposed by South Asia Faculty will specifically deny the contributions of women (2545) and lower caste members (2482) to the building of ancient Hindu civilization and amount to a patriarchal and supremacist agenda. Some other changes specifically deny the violence of imperial conquest in the past (2749) and dilute the role of specifically culpable fundamentalist ideologies in present day terrorist acts like 9/11 (3792). This is nothing less than revisionism and white-washing of history, and must be rejected.

2444, 2502, 2511, 2536, 2544, 2545, 2555, 2749, 3072, 3192.

Please be sure to open and review the attached document containing nearly 18,500 signatures from the Change.Org petition "Don't Replace India with South Asia in California History Social Science Frameworks."

Sincerely,

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